

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 9, 17, 22 and 25 as follows.

Claim 1: (Twice amended)

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A method of facilitating a user's review of previously recorded audio program material over at least two review sessions, the audio program material having been communicated to the user over a communication network, the method comprising the steps of:

monitoring a user's progress in the user's review of audio program material during a first review session; and

when the user terminates the first review session, storing in a memory associated with the audio program material an indication of the user's progress in reviewing the audio program material during [that] said first review session, wherein said stored indication can be utilized in a second review session subsequent to the termination of said first review session.

Claim 9: (Thrice amended)

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A method of facilitating a user's review of previously recorded audio program material over at least two review sessions, the audio program material having been communicated to the user over a communication network, the method comprising the steps of:

monitoring a user's progress in the user's review of audio program material, said monitoring performed during a first audio program review session;

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when the user terminates the first audio program review session, storing in a memory associated with the audio program material an indication of the user's progress in reviewing the audio program material during [that] said first audio program review session;

in a second audio program review session subsequent to the termination of said first audio program review session, playing said audio program material to said user beginning from a position within said material based on said stored indication.

Claim 17: (Twice amended)

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A method of creating a bookmark for use with an audio service that provides previously recorded sequential audio information comprising the steps of:

associating a user code with a user of the audio service;

monitoring a present location of the user in a sequence of audio information in an access to the audio service;

detecting a termination of the access to the audio service;

creating a termination code defining the present location of the user in said sequence at the time the termination is detected;

correlating the user code and the terminating code; and

storing the result of said correlating step in a memory associated with the audio service for later use.

Claim 22: (Twice amended)

A method of providing audio services using a bookmark comprising the steps of:

generating a menu of a plurality of audio services;

detecting a selection of one of said plurality of audio services;

transmitting previously recorded audio information from the selected audio service;

monitoring a user's position in the selected audio service as the corresponding audio information is transmitted;

detecting a termination of the selected audio service that occurs prior to completion of said service;

creating and storing in a memory associated with at least one of said plurality of audio services a bookmark that identifies a user, the selected service and the user's position in the selected service at the time of termination;

subsequently accessing said bookmark; and

returning the user to the location of the selected service based on said bookmark.

Claim 25: (Twice amended)

An audio information service platform for providing previously recorded audio information over at least two review sessions comprising:

an audio content database;

a personal profile database;

a program playback module coupled to said audio content database;
a playback position monitor coupled to said program playback module;

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a service controller utilizing a user identifier, and storing an audio content identifier and a playback position identifier with said user identifier in said personal profile database in response to termination of a first review session, wherein said playback position identifier indicates a user's progress in reviewing audio information during said first review session and can be utilized in a second review session subsequent to the termination of said first review session.
